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stimulated by the author's ardent faith in the power of the gospel of Christ.—GERALD BIRNEY SMITH.

Reine Lehre. Eine Forderung des Glaubens und nicht des Rechts. Von Martin Rade. (Tübingen: Mohr, 1900; pp. 48; M. 0.80. = Hefte zur *Christlichen Welt*, No. 43.) The author, following a trend of thought which is now common in Germany, shows the difference between the simplicity of early Christianity and the Christian religion as it became crystallized in a creed, confined in the limits of an outward organization, guarded by a canon, and finally established and protected by the law of the state. The subject, although interesting and instructive for all, is of greater importance where there is a state church, especially in Germany.—L. HENRY SCHWAB.

The Return to Christ. By Amory H. Bradford, D.D. (New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1900; pp. 155; \$0.75.) Everything which comes from Dr. Bradford's pen is written in charming style and is full of stimulating thought. This series of four essays describes the return to Christ, which the author believes is to be seen today in theology, in ethical and spiritual ideals, in social ideals, and in ideals of the kingdom of God. Traditional conceptions of Christianity appeal to ecclesiastical authority. The religious movements of today indicate a return to the authority of Christ. While some readers may dissent from Dr. Bradford's interpretation of the gospel of Jesus, no one can fail to be helped by the wholesome optimism of the discussion. The publishers have given the volume an artistic dress worthy of the contents.—GERALD BIRNEY SMITH.

Popular Misconceptions as to Christian Faith and Life. By F. T. Lee. (Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1900; pp. 262; \$1.25.) This discussion divides itself into four main parts, whose respective themes are "Faith," "Life," "Service," and "The Divine Source." It is written in the style and spirit of a pastor's address to his congregation. Its aim is immediately practical. It states with clearness and fairness the many difficulties which are often felt and expressed by plain, honest hearers of the gospel. The author meets these difficulties, or "misconceptions," in the kindest, fairest way, and with explanations which must commend themselves to the reader. Thus, among others, false views as to the Bible, the Christian life in its beginnings and course, sanctification, Christian contentment, foreign missions, the Holy Spirit are stated, their falsity pointed out, the true view suggested, and the spiritual